

By the Queene.

A Proclamation for prises of wines.



Here in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the eight day of June, in the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of the mooste noble kyng of famous memo:ie, king Henry the eight, father to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maestie, one acte and statute was then and there made, entituled, An acte limiting the prises of wines. And where also in the Session of the Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westminster, the. xxii. day of Januarie, in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne of the sayde noble kyng, one acte and statute was then and there made, entituled, An acte to auctorise certayne of the kynges Maesties counsel to set prises vpon wines to be solde by retayle: by the whiche sayde severall actes and statutes, auctoritie is geuen vnto the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, Lorde Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde President of the kynges Maesties mooste honourable priuie Counsel, Lorde priuie seale, and the two cheefe Justices of either Benche, or sive, fourre, or thre of them, by theyr discretions, to set the prises of al kynge of wines, perely from tyme to tyme, when they shalbe solde in grosse, and by retayle, and therof proclamation to be made in the Citie, Borough, and Towne, where any suche wines are to be solde: whiche sayde order for the retayling of wines, is further limited and appoynted by the statute made in the fifth yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maestie, entituled, An acle touching certayne publique constitutions made for the mayntenaunce of the nauie, as by the sayde severall actes and statutes, amongst other thynges more at large it doth and may appeare.

And where also it doth appeare by a proclamation heretofore set foorth & published by the Queenes most excellent Maestie, in the eight yere of her Maesties raigne, that the Lorde Keeper of the great seale of Englande, the Lorde Treasurer then beyng, and the Lorde cheefe Justice of Englande, by force of the sayd severall actes and statutes, and for the better execution of the same, dyd then, because at that tyme wines were very scarce, tare, limit, and appoynt the prises of wines to be sold, as wel in grosse, as by retayle, within this Realme, at the prises within the same proclamation mentioned, that is to say, every tunne of the best Gascoigne wine, to be solde, after the subisdie, custome and imposte payde to the Queenes Maestie, at the price and rate of. vii. li. vi. s. viii. d. wherre before that, by the next former proclamation, the price was taxed and set but only to. vi. li. vi. s. viii. d. the Tunne, and not aboue: & every Tunne of the best frenche wine, to be solde in like manner after the same rate, and not aboue, and so every Pipe, Hogshead, Tarse, and other vessel of the sayd wines, to be solde accordyng to theyr quantitie, after the sayde rate, and not aboue: and for the small and thinne wines, to be solde vnder the same rates, as the buyers and sellers thereof coulde agree. And for retaylyng of the saide wines, every gallon of the sayde Gascoigne or frenche wines, to be solde for. vii. d. the gallon, and not aboue, as by the same proclamation amongst other thynges more at large wyl appear. whiche sayde severall prises, for the selling of the sayde wines, so set foorth by the sayde proclamation made in the sayde eight yere as aforesayde, ought at this present, by order of her Maesties lawes, to be obserued and kept, according to the tenor of the sayd proclamation: but yet neverthelesse, consyderyng that the plentie and encrease of the sayd Gascoigne and frenche wines, as wel by reason of the ciuile warres and dissencion in Fraunce, as also by the unseasonable weather in the last spryng tyme, are at this present (as information is geuen) muche hyndered and diminished, more then in other yres past they haue ben: therfore her Maestie is pleased and contented, that the prises of the sayde Gascoigne and frenche wines shalbe for this tyme somethyng encreased: and therefore the Lorde Keeper of the great seale of Englande, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord priuie seale, and the cheefe Justice of Englande nowe beyng, in, and for the execution of the sayde severall actes and statutes before rehearsed, haue by theyr deliberate aduises, and with her Maesties assent, for this tyme taxed, limited, assinged, and appoynted the prises of Gascoigne & frenche wines, to be solde within this Realme, as wel in grosse, as by retayle, in manner and fourme folowing, (that is to say) vntyl the next vantage, whiche shalbe after the feast of saint Michael Tharchangel next commyng, euery tunne of the best Gascoigne wine, to be solde, after the custome and imposte payde to the Queenes Maestie, at the price and rate of. viii. li. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue: and euery tunne of the best frenche wine, to be solde in lyke manner after the same rate of. viii. li. vi. s. viii. d. the tunne, and not aboue: and every Pipe

Hoghead, Punction, Tarse, and other vessel of the same several wines, to be solde after they: quantities, according to the sayde rates, and not aboue: and for the small and thinne wines, to be solde vnder the sayde rates, as the buyers and sellers thereof can agree. And for the retaylyng of the sayde Gascoigne and frenche wines, the sayde Lordes and Justice haue taxed, assygned, and appoynted, that the prises of the sayde wines, vntyl the sayde next vantage, shalbe as hereafter foloweth (that is to say) every gallon of the best Gascoigne wine, for. xiii. d. the gallon, to be solde, and not aboue: and every gallon of the best frenche wine, to be solde also for. xiii. d. the gallon, and not aboue. And for the prises of the sayde Gascoigne and frenche wines, to be solde, as wel in grosse as by retayle, after the sayde next vantage, the sayde Lordes and Justice by her Maiesties assent, haue rated, taxed, and appoynted the prises, as wel of the sayd best Gascoigne and frenche wines, as also the small wines, to be solde at suche rates and prises, as in and by the sayde former proclamation before mentioned and made in the sayde eight yere, is limited, taxed, and appoynted to be solde, and not aboue, unlesse in the meane tyme vpon any notorious great occasion, the sayde rates and prises shalbe otherwyse rated, taxed, and set, by the sayde Lordes, and by the authuritie of the statutes aforesayd. And for the retaylyng of sweete wines, the sayde Lordes and Justice by the authuritie aforesayde, haue assygned and appoynted the prises as foloweth (that is to say) every gallon of the best Muscadel, to be sold at. xvi. d. the gallon, and not aboue, and every gallon of the best Malmesey, to be solde at. xiii. d. the gallon, and not aboue, and every gallon of the best Hache, at. xiii. d. the gallon, and not aboue, and also that every pottel, quarte, and pinte of al the sayd several wines, shalbe retayled and solde, after and accordyng to the sayd several rates and pryses, and not aboue.

The Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Lady, therefore straighlyt chargeþ and commaundeth all and singuler her subiectes, and others, puttynge any manner of Gascoigne, frenche, or sweete wines to sale, within this her Maiesties Realme, that they, ne any of them, in any maner of wise, by any craft, couyn, or private agreement, shal sell any the wines abouesayde, otherwyse, or at any higher prises then is aboue limited, vpon payne to forfeyte and pay suche penalties as are conteyned and expressed in the several actes and statutes thereof made. And further her highnesse pleasure and commaundement is, that al and singuler Maiors, Scheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other her officers and ministers, to whom it apperteyneth, that they, and every of them, with diligence cause and see that the sayde proclamation be put in due execution after the tenor of the same, and also accordyng to another acte of Parliament, made in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne of her Maiesties saide father kyng Henry the eight, agaynst such as wyl refuse to sel they: wines at prises taxed, as is aforesayde, as they wyl aunswere thereto at they: perils.

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God sauē the Queene.

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